

IN THE ABSTRACT

~~Disclosed is a~~ A method and a system for re-ranking an existing result set of documents.

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A user (100)-starts a search by entering search term(s). The search term(s) is (are) transferred to a search engine (110) which generates a result set (120) ranked by the search term(s). The search engine (110), in parallel, automatically retrieves context information (130)-from returned result set (120)-which is related (140)-to the original set of documents. The search engine (110) presents (150)-the context information (130)-to the user (100)-and asks for a feedback. The user (100) performs a weighting (160) of the presented context information (130)-in a range from "important" to "non-important". The result set (120)-is then re-ranked (170)-with the user-weighted context information (180)-to increase the "rank distance" of important and non important documents. The documents that are now on top of the list (highest context-weighted ranking value) represent the desired information. ~~The underlying re-ranking algorithm is based on an adaptation of a formula by Fagin and Wimmers.~~